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SUBJECT: SEVENTH CONVICTION IN "TORONTO 18" PLOT

11. (U) Thirty-four-year-old Shareef Abdelhaleem was found guilty on January 21 of participating in the "Toronto 18" terror plots. Abdelhaleem was found guilty of knowingly participating in a terrorist group and intending to cause an explosion that was likely to cause serious bodily harm or death. However, his defense counsel plans to file a motion arguing entrapment. Because of the pending entrapment motion, sentencing has not been scheduled.

12. (U) Since the initial arrests of 18 Toronto-area men in 2006 for a plot to carry out terrorist attacks in Southern Ontario to protest Canada's military presence in Afghanistan, the following have been convicted:

a) Nishanthan Yogakrishnan, 21, was convicted in September 2008 and sentenced to 30 months on May 22. Given credit for time served, he has already been released;

b) Amin Mohamed Durrani, 23, pled guilty on January 20 and was sentenced to 7.5 years in prison. Given credit for time served, after serving an additional day following his conviction, he has already been released;

c) Ali Mohamed Dirie, 26, pled guilty on September 21, 2009 to participating in the activities of a terrorist group; he received a seven-year sentence and will receive double credit for time in pretrial detention, thus making him eligible for release in November 2010 under current law;

d) Saad Gaya, 21, pled guilty on September 28, 2009 and was sentenced to 12 years;

e) Saad Khalid, 23, was sentenced to 14 years in prison on September 4, 2009;

f) Zakaria Amara, 23, pled guilty on October 8, 2009 and was sentenced on January 18 to life in prison;

g) Shareef Abdelhaleem, 34, was found guilty on January 21. He has not yet been sentenced.

Of the remaining members of the "Toronto 18" terror plot arrested in 2006, four face trial in March. They cannot be identified due to an ongoing publication ban. Charges against the other seven members were either stayed or dismissed.

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